

St. Johnsbury Center.

Shocking Death of George Pierce.

A shocking accident occurred at this place Monday morning by which the life of George Pierce of the firm of Pierce & Co. went suddenly out. Mr. Pierce placed a barrel beside an upright shaft which run one of the elevators, and stood thereon for the purpose of oiling the top box and it is supposed put his arm around the shaft to steady himself, when his foot came in contact with the shaft and wound thereon, suspending him in such a manner that his lower limbs and arms being extended with every revolution of the shaft came in contact with barrels of flour piled near by, mangle his legs in a frightful manner. E. B. Flint, one of the employees of the mill, hearing from the office adjoining an unusual noise went into the mill room and discovering Mr. Pierce's situation, first attempted by catching hold of the limbs of Mr. Pierce to pull him off, but the power of the shaft was such as to carry him around also. Flint then made an attempt to close the wheel gate, but as the wheels are kept running during cold weather to prevent them from freezing he found the gate frozen fast. In the meantime help had arrived and John Moore had the presence of mind to go below and throw something into the gears, thus stopping the machinery. Mr. Pierce was taken down and only breathed a few times and expired. Upon examination it was found he had received internal injuries, his ribs being crushed inward into his lung and his feet and legs nearly pulp.

Last May Mr. Pierce was a victim of a defective staging which gave way while working thereon giving him a fall of nearly 20 feet and so injuring him about his head that for many days his life was despaired of but he finally recovered.

Mr. Pierce was an honest, kind-hearted, hard working man and was much complimented for his industrious ways of life. He came from California with his family about a year ago to live with his aged father, his mother having previously died very suddenly while attending the funeral of Mrs. Beaumont Butler.

The sad accident is a most crushing blow to his family consisting of a wife and three small children, as well as to his father who is an almost helpless cripple, and enlists the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison of Newport visited at H. A. Louche's last week. Miss Lillian Sanborn of Marshfield is stopping at F. E. Harriman's.

The pupils in the primary department of the school enjoyed a sleigh ride to Lyndonville on Washington's birthday.

Miss Eva McDonald is at George Blood's.

A. N. Drew has bought the building lot of the Robert Laird estate, formerly owned by Nathan Gibbs.

There was a dance at the Green Mountain Grange hall last Thursday evening. Chester Felch of Passumpsic is at George Bennett's.

The remains of Mrs. H. Stanley who died at the home of her daughter in Lynn, Mass., were brought here for burial Tuesday, the funeral being held at the Congregational church at 11 o'clock. The remains were accompanied by Mr. Stanley and the two daughters, Mrs. Carry Kelly of Lynn, and Mrs. Haskins of New Jersey, who have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.

Levi Drew of Glover was at A. N. Drew's one day last week.

The many friends of Mrs. H. N. Roberts will be glad to know that she has so far recovered from her fall in the early part of the winter as to be able to walk out.

Ed Flint has finished work at the Vail Farm at Lyndon and has gone to work in the grist mill here.

Miss Cora Sargent is spending a two week's vacation here from her school in Lyndon.

Mrs. E. H. Hallett is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Lula Campbell and cousin of Hyde Park are visiting relatives in East Andover.

The three-year-old son of George Davison died quite suddenly last week with croup. He was sick only about three days.

Willie Forsythe has recovered from his lameness and has gone back to work in the scale shops.

Mrs. Nichols' niece who went to a hospital in Portland a short time ago is gaining rapidly.

East St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. H. H. Moulton, who has had an attack of tonsillitis, is recovering.

Mrs. Carrie Bartlett has finished her school in Woodstock, N. H., and was the guest of Mrs. H. F. Griswold last week.

Rev. G. W. Patterson spent last Sunday in Hanover and the pulpit was supplied by Prof. Campbell of Dartmouth.

The Washington social given by the Ladies Society at W. A. Graham's Feb. 22 was well attended, about 65 being present. George Washington and lady were well represented by H. F. Griswold and Miss Susan Atkins. The evening was pleasantly spent in social intercourse and music.

Miss Susan Atkins went to her home in Cabot Friday, returning to her school Monday.

At Summerville.

Frank Spaulding is again clerking for Jason Powers.

L. F. Rice has moved from the Taylor house on Portland street, to the Richardson house, Lafayette street.

One of the German Emperor's hobbies is the collection of playing cards. It is said that his collection is one of the most complete and exhaustive in existence, and that he has samples of many of the rarest of the old cards, besides specimens of all those that are in common use to-day.

PERSONALS.

R. D. Sherry of Groton is in town this week.

Harry Piper, of Wolfboro, is in town for a few days.

Harry Randall was home for a few days last week.

Miss Sadie Batchelder is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinal, of Boston, visited at H. H. Carr's last week.

Miss Mabel Eaton of Wolcott is visiting her uncle, Wm. S. Pope.

Miss Marion Patterson has been spending a few days at Northampton.

Harry Randall and Carl Howe of the U. V. M. were at home over Sunday.

Little Irving Eastman, who was very ill last week with tonsillitis, is better.

Miss Mary Lewis of Hardwick is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. N. Penniman.

Miss Ina Thompson from Boston is the guest of Mrs. Ethan Carr this week.

Miss Mabel T. and Harold O. French spent Sunday at their home in Hartford.

Henry W. Ellis has been off duty several days lately on account of a severe cold.

William C. Bray, assistant editor of the Boston Post is in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Leach visited at Mr. McLam's in Ryegate the last of last week.

Mrs. Ethan Carr, who has been shut in with grip for the past three weeks, is better.

Mrs. H. C. Newell, who has been confined to the house the past three weeks, is better.

Miss Nora Lockwood is home from McIndoes where she has been teaching, for a vacation.

Harry Lovejoy of the Merchants Bank is confined to the house again with severe stomach trouble.

John H. Drew who has been quite ill at his home in Burlington is very much improved in health.

Mrs. Florence Currier Pillsbury of Barton was the guest of Miss Elsie Ranney the first of the week.

Miss Mary E. Stone has gone to Boston where she will remain a few weeks visiting her relatives.

Walter E. Jewett now of Berlin Falls, N. H., was in town Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Jones of Waitsfield are spending the week at Mrs. Jones' father's, C. O. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ranlet entertained about 20 friends at a whist party on Tuesday evening of last week.

A cablegram from Geo. H. Cross announced the safe arrival of himself and party at Havana Sunday morning.

Louis Brunelle, who has been in the employ of Amos W. Scott for some time, has accepted a similar position at Berlin Falls.

Ed Fisher succeeds H. T. Fisher as cashier at the freight office and Frank Preston becomes a member of the clerical force there.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lewis went to Littleton Tuesday to attend the Masonic ball Tuesday evening.

The members of the Pygmalion and Galatea caste were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Randall Friday evening.

Mrs. L. N. Smythe and family were at Rumney Depot, N. H., last week, being called there by the death of Mrs. Smythe's grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Herbert.

Mrs. B. F. Ricker and her son Archie have gone to Dover, N. H., for a few days. A competent lady barber, Miss Griggs from Boston, fills her place while she is absent.

At the annual meeting of the Vermont Society of Colonial Wars at Burlington last week Col. T. C. Fletcher of St. Johnsbury was elected on the installation committee.

Frank Stuart, who was called to his home in Toronto on account of the illness and death of his father, returned to his position last Thursday at H. A. Belknap's after an absence of several weeks.

Allan Holbrook was in town over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook went to Newport, Monday, where they will reside. They entertained a small party of friends at her home Friday evening.

Clinton R. Carpenter, now with the International Trust Co. in Boston, contributed an interesting short story, under the title of "The Dragon of Belaire," to the Boston Daily Record of Feb. 21.

Mrs. Senator Ross represented the St. John de Crevecoeur chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their national gathering in Washington. A full account of the proceedings of the meetings will be found in our Washington letter.

George Caldwell left Saturday on a four weeks' trip to Cuba. On Thursday evening of last week a reception in his honor was given at the home of his father. On this occasion he was the recipient of a fine charm from members of Sherman Court, C. O. F.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin W. Parker, of Shabashanore, India, will leave their Oriental home March 15 and arrive in this country about the middle of April. Dr. Parker is a native of St. Johnsbury and both he and his wife will be cordially welcomed by many friends.

Rev. Edward Payson Drew has been installed as pastor of the First Congregational church of Keene, N. H., and a recent number of the Boston Globe contains quite a sketch of the young man, and his portrait. He was born in Cabot, and was graduated from St. Johnsbury Acad-

emy in 1886, and after graduating from Yale, spent a year in the German universities. In 1897 he was graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary and for the last two years has been pastor of Christ church in Elmhurst, Ill.

S. D. Millin will finish his work at the Free Baptist church tonight. He has shown himself to be a young man of marked ability, of excellent spirit, fervent piety and discreet in his methods of work. His labors have been of great benefit to many who have attended the services.

Mention was made in these columns last week of the capture of the Danville, P. Q., bank robbers after a spirited contest in which over 100 shots were fired. The band of six were captured through the efforts of J. J. Barlow of Danville, assisted by a posse of officers and Mr. Barlow is a cousin of Austin I. Morrill of this place.

Herbert J. Willard, formerly of St. Johnsbury, is still kept busy reading obituary notices and denying published statements of his decease. He was a member of the class of 1889 at Dartmouth College and since his death was announced in the college publications the members of his secret society have worn crepe on their badges. Friday the alumni editor of the Dartmouth received a communication from Mr. Willard himself, expressing his appreciation for the eulogies bestowed upon him, but declaring most emphatically that he was still alive.

W. J. Paddelford died Sunday morning after an illness which was full of suffering. Mr. Paddelford was about 58 years old and came here with his family about four years ago and secured employment in the shoe factory. His former home was in Monroe where he had a farm. Brief funeral services were held yesterday afternoon conducted by Rev. George W. Hunt and the remains will be taken to Monroe today where the funeral will be held. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter.

Mr. Paddelford was a most estimable citizen, who bore all his sufferings with great fortitude and his family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Boston & Maine Statistics.

From the forth-coming report of the New Hampshire railroad commission some interesting facts and figures appear concerning the Boston and Maine railroad.

During the calendar year 1899 the Boston & Maine purchased the property rights and franchises of the Eastern railroad in New Hampshire, extending 16.08 miles from the state line of Massachusetts to the state line of Maine; the Portsmouth & Dover railroad, 11 miles from Portsmouth to Dover, and the Portland & Rochester railroad, from Rochester to Portland, Me., 52 miles, paying therefor in Boston & Maine stock issued for that purpose.

Having purchased the old Eastern, the Boston & Maine proceeded to reconstruct it by laying a second track and abolishing all the grade crossings between Newburyport and Portsmouth. These changes, which involve an expenditure of about \$400,000, all of which is borne by the railroad, are now well under way. The Manchester & Milford is about half graded and will open for business next spring. Its cost will be about \$400,000.

The Boston & Maine has completed the equipment of its locomotives and cars with the automatic couplers and power brakes required by the act of congress, having expended for this purpose since July 1, 1895, nearly \$800,000, all of which has been charged to current expenses.

The Boston & Maine has carried on two highly successful experiments designed to save the passengers from the discomfort and damage caused by smoke, cinders and dust. Coke has been substituted for coal as fuel on a hundred passenger and switching locomotives with such satisfactory results that its use is to be extended to a larger part of the passenger service. The cost does not much exceed that of coal.

A Fine Autograph Collection.

Mrs. Arthur W. Chaffee, wife of a former St. Johnsbury boy, has a fine autograph collection at her home in Portland, Me., and a recent number of the Portland Times gives a page to the description of the collection together with many illustrations of rare signatures. The autograph letters include greetings from Mary A. Livermore, Sousa, and Henry Irving, while among those who simply set their name appear Melba, Hall Caine, Nat Goodwin, Hobson, Gov. Roosevelt, all the admirals and generals of the Spanish-American war, Moody, "Ian MacLaren" and many others. Mrs. Chaffee has been several years making the collection which is attractively arranged in a big book, on the pages being pasted pictures of the men and women whose autographs appear beneath.

Letters from the Philippines.

Extracts from letters from Albert Gale tell us that our boys now in the Philippines are well but they do not enjoy the extreme warm weather, it being 90 in the shade December 14th. The water, too, is very poor, but their board is much better than it was even at Plattsburgh. They are allowed only one candle in ten days, so have to be economical so far as artificial light goes. Twice a week they take a two mile trip to headquarters and give a concert. Three members of Co. F, while out on a three days' trip recently, got in the rear and were lost when a few days afterwards their bodies were found they were horribly mutilated. Friends from St. Johnsbury sent a photograph of the band members to Mr. Gale, which made him as happy as seeing old friends only on cardboard could.

Church Notes.

It is expected, that Bishop Hall will visit this section of the diocese during the latter part of May.

The South Church home missionary society meets Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Crawford Ranney.

There were no services at the Episcopal church last Sunday on account of the illness of Dr. Pickells.

The subject of discourse at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning will be, "Christ seeking Man," and in the evening, "Man seeking Christ."

The Christian Endeavor society of the South church hold an entertainment and social in the church parlors, Tuesday evening, March 6. A reading of Whittier's "Mabel Martin" will be given by Miss Agnes Shaw with accompanying tableaux; music, vocal and instrumental, games and a home made candy sale are to be among the features of the program. Admission 10 cents; everybody invited.

At the Universalist church, the pastor, Rev. I. P. Quimby, will take for his subject, "Master earnest thou not that we perish?" Mr. Quimby will be in Boston from March 5 to 10. Y. P. C. U. meeting at 7 p. m., subject, "How does our Union benefit our town directly and indirectly?" Leader, Miss Emma Rogers.

Next Sunday will be observed as communion Sunday at Grace Methodist church. The subject of the lecture in the evening will be "A young man surprised."

At the Free Baptist church the pastor will preach next Sunday morning and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows' block. Morning service at 10.45. Subject, "Substance." Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30. Reading room open Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 5.

The room is open to all who wish to come, and those in attendance will be pleased to meet you, furnish you with literature and talk with you on the subject of Christian Science.

School Notes.

Miss Ethel Abbott has been engaged to teach music in the public schools for the remainder of the year and began her duties on Monday.

At a meeting of the school directors on Monday afternoon Supt. Dempsey was re-elected for another year. Mr. Dempsey's work at the head of the schools has been very satisfactory and all will be glad to know that he will remain another year.

At the Museum.

Charles S. Hastings has presented to the Museum an old map of the village of St. Johnsbury which will be of interest to many of the older residents. It was published in 1853 when there was but one building on Eastern Avenue and when the lot now occupied by the court house was used as a cemetery. It contains views of the Academy and the scale manufactory as they appeared at that time and also shows the location of the residences of many whose names were prominent in the town fifty years ago.

Vermont News.

William Wadwell was arrested at Bennington last Wednesday for burglary committed in Hoosick Falls. He went directly to Bennington to the American House, where he was found by Deputy Sheriff Godfrey and Nash, who had been informed that he had gone that way and to be on the lookout for him. Wadwell declined to return to New York State without requisition papers. He secured quite a sum of money in the burglary. He has been in trouble several times before.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hulet of Pawlet celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage on Friday. Because of their poor health there were no festivities but the venerable couple who are among the oldest people in the town where they have always resided, received many congratulations. Of those who were present when they were married only three or four are now living. Of five children that were born to them, only one, Mrs. Eunice White, is now living and is now kindly caring for them in their old age.

A Knights of Pythias Lodge is soon to be instituted in Island Pond.

It is estimated that there are fully 1000 men lumbering in the woods in Windham county.

Rev. W. A. Davison, a former Baptist pastor in Montpelier, has been appointed missionary evangelist for the State Baptist Convention, his appointment to take effect at once.

A government map of the United States about 548 feet in size, has been sent by Congressmen Grout to the Hardwick Academy. It is a valuable and useful addition to the equipment of that institution.

The blacksmiths and horsehoers of Addison county held a meeting February 10 at Middlebury to take action upon trade conditions. A schedule of uniform prices was fixed upon in the horse-shoeing line. Iron and steel have risen in price to such an extent that this was deemed necessary.

Hon. Henry F. Severens of Kalamazoo, Mich., whom President McKinley has recently appointed judge of the sixth judicial circuit, was a native of Rockingham. He fitted for college at Saxton's River and graduated from Middlebury college in 1857. In 1886 he was appointed judge of the United States district court for the western district of Michigan, by President Cleveland, which office he has held until this time.

The fire alarm system at Montpelier has been in a bad condition for some time and owing to the intricacy of the system nothing can be done until the return of W. B. Laird, the electrician from Boston. The system appears to have given greater bother during the past year than ever before which is believed to be due to the complexity of wires in the city. The system has not been in working order since the fire at the court house and how long before that time is uncertain.

Western sheep buyers have been in Vermont recently and several important sales have been made. Messrs. Gibson and Guthrie of Omaha, Neb., owners of a ranch in Wyoming, have bought about a thousand merinos and paid from \$5 to \$8 per head. Three carloads of thoroughbred merinos have been bought in Addison county by other parties for shipment to Australia. These brought from \$25 to \$50 per head.

Fire broke out in Renaud, Miner & Co.'s furniture factory and steam saw-mill building, at Vergennes last Wednesday morning and resulted in the total destruction of the buildings, machinery, tools and about \$1500 in finished furniture. The total loss was about \$10,000, and the insurance was \$4800. It is thought that the company will rebuild the factory.

Xavier Little, the man who stole the overcoat from Abraham Mossey at the Hotel Burlington, went to Rutland Monday to serve his sentence of not less than ten weeks or more than three months.

No decision has yet been announced in the case of the Van Ness House for which an injunction has been petitioned. The decision in the common seller's cases will probably be announced on March 1, which is the day the supreme court meets. The decision is being written by Judge Thompson. Many cases in Vermont, besides those of the Burlington druggists await anxiously this decision.

Over 13,000 bushels of beans were harvested on Grand Isle last season, most of this large amount being purchased in Burlington by the Champlain Provision company. Beans have advanced \$1.00 per bushel during the past six months and now retail at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bushel.

A camp of Modern Woodmen has been organized at Vergennes with a large membership. There are now 15 camps in the state.

R. T. McKeever of Rutland, general passenger agent of the Rutland railroad, has resigned, and gone to Houghton, Mich., where he will assume the general superintendency of the Copper Range railroad.

WEATHER RECORD.

At Bennington's Barometer, for the week ending February 27, 1900.

	Highest	Lowest
Tuesday	25	1
Wednesday	28	2
Thursday	31	27
Friday	32	26
Saturday	40	26
Sunday	27	5
Monday	6	5

— Indicates below zero.

WANTED, FOR SALE, ETC.

WANTED. By a girl of experience a situation in a small family. Address to the Ladies of St. Johnsbury Hospital.

BROOKS-TYLER Dry Goods Co. have some great bargains in men's odd pants. Prices from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

MACHINISTS WANTED—Men who have a good knowledge of the machinists' trade, especially those accustomed to running engine lathes. In applying, give references. Vt. Farm Machine Co., Bellows Falls, Vt.

TINSMITHS WANTED—Men who have a good knowledge of the tinsmith's trade and who are good solderers. In applying, give references. Vt. Farm Machine Co., Bellows Falls, Vt.

PIANO FOR SALE. Enquire of John H. Moore.

TWO SEAT RAILROAD SLEIGH with Pole and Shaft for \$12. Easy terms, Bundy & Weeks, 45 Main St., St. Johnsbury, Vt.

WANTED. A skilled scale maker to work, as scaler in an Ontario Scale Factory. Good wages will be paid to right man. Apply to Box F, Publishers.

ASTRAY. One black and white foxhound. Owner can have him for paying charges and advertisement. Sam Rodgers, Danville.

TYPEWRITING. Orders for typewriting of any description promptly filled. Accurate work. Margaret Robie, 49 Spring street, or CALEDONIAN office.

FOR SALE. A two-seated sleigh, single runners. Can be seen at Ryan's carriage manufactory.

FOR SALE. The team of the late Rev. H. L. Veazey; 9 year-old horse, top buggy, sleigh, robes and harness, all in good condition. Will be sold cheap. F. B. Hooker, adur.

A. J. ROY, BARBER, does first-class work. Under Bailey's music store, Railroad street.

NEVERSLIP ICE CREEPERS. Bundy's shoe store, 45 Main street.

TYPEWRITER for rent. A. H. Barbour.

SPECIAL SALE. C. F. Gibbs has now a splendid assortment of PALMS, FERNS, BULBS, etc. He will have a special sale of these things during this month. Call and see the beauties.

Births.

At St. Johnsbury, Feb. 19, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison.

At Lyndonville, Feb. 17, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Eastman.

At Sutton, Feb. 23, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Gray.

Marriages.

At St. Johnsbury, Feb. 19, by Rev. Geo. W. Hunt, Rufus E. Brown of Morrisville and Diana Whitcomb of Hyde Park.

At Walden, Feb. 20, by Rev. O. E. Newton, George O'Neill and Mrs. Howe.

Deaths.

At St. Johnsbury Centre, Feb. 26, George Peirce, aged about 35 years.

At Stratford, Conn., Feb. 10, Mrs. Franklin Samis.

At Egypt, Feb. 23, Mrs. S. R. Hall aged 92 years.

At East Lyndon, Feb. 25, Miss Lucilla Hill, aged about 60 years.

At Chicago, Jan. 15, at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. Augustus Ray, 38 Throop St., Miss Sarah Porter Kelsey. Funeral Wednesday, Jan. 17. Interment private at Rose Hill.

At Hardwick, Feb. 19, Edwin Reed, aged about 60 years.

At East Barnet, Feb. 23, John Mulliken.

Teachers' Examinations.

The Spring Examinations of teachers of Caledonia County will be held as follows:

West Burke schoolhouse March 8 and 9.

Barnet " " 12 " 1.

Groton " " 14 " 15.

Hardwick Academy bldg. " 19 " 20.

St. Johnsbury Centre St. " 21 " 22.

Lyndonville schoolhouse " 23 " 24.

The examinations will open at 9 a. m. each day. All candidates should be present at the opening of the examination and will be required to furnish testimonials of good moral character and of experience of teaching.

Hardwick, V